

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Hotchkiss, et al.	Art Unit: 2168
Application No.: 10/710,866	Examiner: Chyne Dune Ly
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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REGULATORY RULES REPOSITORY GENERATION AND MAINTENANCE	

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**Introductory Comments**

Please enter the following claim amendments in response to the Office Action received from the Office having a mail date of October 31, 2006. In that correspondence, the Office has raised an issue of claims interpretations, made objection to the length of the abstract, and rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for non-statutory subject matter, 37 CFR § 102(b) for being anticipated by Sziklai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,341,287), and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sziklai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,341,287) in view of Lawrence (U.S. Patent Publication No. US 2002/0143562).

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the objections and rejections presented by the Office. Applicants contends that, based on the following amendments and arguments, the Office has not established a *prima facie* case for anticipation, since there are patentably distinguishable claimed features between the invention represented by these claims and the cited reference disclosure of Sziklai. Applicant contends that the Office has not established a *prima*

facie case for obviousness, since the cited prior art references of Sziklai and Lawrence, when combined, do not teach or suggest all limitations of these claims.

Applicants' have reviewed the abstract under Abstract of Disclosure, paragraph 0057 of the application as filed, and find the word count to be 145 words. Since this is well within the 150 word limit, Applicants request that the Office withdraw the objection to the abstract as filed.

Entering of the following amendments, reconsideration and reexamination of the application are requested. Support for all amendments is found within the specification. No new matter has been entered as a result of these amendments.